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### NOTES AND NEWS

#### Autumn Term 1979

No sooner was the summer break over than we began a very busy and productive Autumn Term, which reached its climax with the Christmas celebrations.

In October, the French language took on a new dimension for a group of pupils who visited France as part of the exchange between Alcester and Le Loroux-Bottereau, accompanied by Mr. Oldham and Mrs. Micklethwaite. A similar theme, of combining work with pleasure, was also apparent in the fourth form invasion of Marle Hall, which, as in previous years, was greatly enjoyed by all who went. Other excursions of a more academic nature included visits by the sixth form to Birmingham for lectures on such subjects as Computing and Economics. One of the highlights of the term was undoubtedly the visit by the Royal Marines Band Corps, who entertained us with a variety of music - and some very memorable Elvis Presley impersonations!

The emphasis upon team work was apparent: our public speaking team did very well in a national competition, winning the local heat; and, under Mr. Brinson's guidance, the school orchestra gave two highly-praised concerts.

The Parents' Association was very active this term, organising another Barn Dance which was a tremendous success, as was the Games Evening, when parents, pupils and friends were able to participate in a number of activities. Towards the end of the term, they also held an enjoyable "Pâté and Punch" evening.

As Christmas approached, the school busily prepared for the end of term activities, including the annual Carol Service in St. Nicholas' Church, which was very well attended. The term reached its zenith with the highly successful Junior Party, for which the upper sixth must accept full responsibility. This coincided with the annual 'non-uniform' day, which raised a considerable amount for Dr Barnardo's, bringing to an end a term during which successful collections were also made on behalf of the Earl Haig Poppy Appeal, and to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

## **Spring Term 1980**

The many excursions during the Spring Term brightened the lives of both pupils and staff (we hope!). Mr. Petherbridge once again took the lower sixth Geography group to Marle Hall for a field study course, during which the intrepid pupils were seen sketching, walking, snowballing and tucking into the 'wholesome' food. As a striking contrast to wintry Wales, in March, Mrs. Ince, Mrs. Matthews, Mr. Oldham and Mr. Balaam took a party of adventurous and fortunate pupils on an Eastern Mediterranean Cruise aboard the S.S. Uganda. This term, trips were also made by the lower sixth to Marks and Spencer, on a careers visit, and to Birmingham Repertory Theatre, to see a performance of 'King Lear', preceded by discussions with the cast and production team. Also in March, Mr. Johnson organised an exhausting 'walk' along the Malvern Hills.

The traditional three-legged fancy dress football match between U6 and L6 brought to a close what had been a very active term, with costumes ranging from a leek to a can of oil and a Mr. Micklethwaite. This event was highly entertaining, and raised money for the computer fund.

## **Summer Term 1980**

This has always been a very busy term and this year proved to be no exception. Early in the term, the L6 Biology group descended upon Marle Hall for a field course, when they had the opportunity to combine the paperwork of 'A' levels with wading knee-deep in Welsh bogs.

The Parents' Association Spring Fayre, held on a glorious Saturday, in May, was again a great success, raising over £1,000. In addition to the various side-shows and stalls, the attractions included Alcester Victoria Silver Band, and a personal appearance by Busby.

With the completion of the examination period, a spate of visits took place, including a trip by the second forms to Alton Towers, a tour of Birmingham Science Museum by the first forms and a visit to Birmingham University Library by the L6 English group. However, the hard work continued for Mr. Brinson and the school's musicians, who once more gave a very enjoyable Summer Concert.

Sporting events this term included the Games Morning, which gave the opportunity for the athletic in mind and body to compete in inter-house activities, ranging from chess to rounders. Thanks to the sunshine and efficient organisation, Sports Day proved to be highly successful, and the prizes were presented on the field by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. J. M. Stewart, J.P., who is also an old Scholar of the School.

Just before the end of term, the school took delivery of its own computer, as a result of the money provided by the county and by generous help from the Parents' Association. The sale of ice-creams throughout the Summer Term, organised by Mr. Watts, raised money towards the purchase of a second, smaller computer. Our thanks go to all who have taken part in the various fund-raising activities

over the past year, including the sponsored walk/jog arranged by Mr. Cowell this term to help pay for new sporting equipment.

Henry Wallace and Amanda Wearing.

### **SPEECH DAY 1980**

This year the distribution of certificates and prizes and address was made by Rear-Admiral D. W. Haslam, C.B., O.B.E., F.R.I.C.S., F.R.G.S., Hydrographer of the Royal Navy; who held his audience enthralled and amused by an account of his career and duties in the Royal Navy. In his speech he boosted the morale of the Editorial Committee with his frequent references to the accuracy and informative value of the magazine from which he had been able to build up a picture of the school he had come to visit.

### **PRIZES AND AWARDS**

First Year: Richard McCarthy, Jeremy Pickard, Fiona Apsley, Madeline Gauntlett.

Second Year: Simon Edkins, Alastair Reeves, Claire Linfoot, Dianne Retter.

Third Year: Jonathan Cartledge, Peter Hartland, John Matthews, Dawn Coomber.

Fourth Year: David Apsley, Andrew Boston, Julia Hall, Sarah-Jane Plant.

Fifth Year: Russell Buxton, Timothy Down, David Hemingway, Graham Ward, Anne Griffiths, Amanda Wearing.

Lower Sixth: Darren Cooper, Christopher Probert, Alice Emerson, Melanie Green, Susan Wright.

Upper Sixth: English (Audrey Webley Prize) - Jonathan Hallam; French - Kay Edwards; History - Stephen Dyer; Economics - Trudy Stanley; Geography (Ernest Walker Prize) - Andrew Dunbar; Mathematics - Trevor Ratledge; Physics - Matthew Goodman; Chemistry - Jayne Fox and Clare Sawyer; Biology - David Robertson; Progress Awards - David Shore and Siobhan Clancy; Service to the School - Stephen Dyer, Clare Sawyer, Stephen McCarthy, Trudy Stanley; Bell Cup (Mathematics) - Trevor Ratledge and Clare Sawyer; Mason Cup (best Ordinary Level results) - Amanda Wearing; Spencer Cup (best Advanced Level results) - Stephen Dyer.

### **GIRLS' GAMES**

#### **HOCKEY**

The overall results for the hockey season are very impressive, with the under 14 XI losing only one match out of a total of seven and the under 15 XI losing just one match from a total of six. The first XI, however, had a more mixed success but still managed to win seven matches out of eleven.

The annual match against the Old Scholars was abandoned owing to heavy rain waterlogging the pitches. However, Unihoc was played in the School Hall and in a very close match the School eventually won 15 - 14.



**Results:**

	played	won	drawn	lost
1st XI	11	7	0	4
U.15 XI	6	5	0	1
U.14 XI	7	4	2	1

A senior mixed team played Evesham College and won 4-0.

**Teams:**

1st XI—J. Amor, R. Baker, H. Brice, B. Foster, C. Gilroy, J. Hasson, K. Hooker, A. Hunt, R. Jordan, E. Plummer, E. McCarthy, J. Stevens, H. Thompson, J. Whinn.

U.15 XI—R. Baker, D. Coomber, L. Court, T. Cox, D. Drinkwater, N. Hancox, M. Hughes, J. Powell, W. Partridge, S. Rundle, S. Sidaway, N. Wells.

U.14 XI—H. Archer, S. Brewin, J. Clarie, L. Gascoigne, J. Harrison, J. Hawkes, S. Hughes, K. Lewis-Jones, C. Linfoot, L. Portman, L. Matthews, J. Stanley.

This year three members of our school team played in Warwickshire County hockey teams: A. Hunt U.18, B. Foster U.16, and R. Baker U.16.

**Colours awarded:**

Full Colours re-awarded to: J. Hasson, A. Hunt, E. Plummer, H. Thompson, J. Whinn.

Full Colours awarded to: J. Amor, R. Baker, B. Foster.

Half Colours re-awarded to: J. Stevens.

Half Colours awarded to: H. Brice, C. Gilroy, K. Hooker, R. Jordan.

Jane Whinn.

**BOYS' GAMES****RUGBY**

1st XV: played 12, won 4. Captain: Peter Bromwich.

2nd XV: played 3, won 0. Captain: Graham Hemming.

Although only four matches were won, many of the defeats were by the narrowest margins.

U16 XV: played 2, won 1. Captain: Neil Edkins.

The U16 team won the South Warwickshire seven-a-side tournament.

U15 XV: played 5, won 2. Captain: Stephen Shirley.

Stephen Shirley played regularly for South Warwickshire.

U14 XV: played 6, won 1.

U13 XV: played 3, won 0.

This year the junior rugby sides have been composed of players from the Greville H.S. and A.G.S. This was an experiment to try to prevent the heavy and demoralising defeats that have been inflicted on both schools by larger comprehensive schools, usually with five times the number of boys to select from. Their physical presence has often seemed to be equally enormous! Although the number of games won was not impressive, the general standard of play has improved and the margin of defeat has been narrowed considerably.

Rugby colours were awarded to Patrick Seeney and Iain Sinclair.

## **FOOTBALL**

1st XI: played 1, won 1.

U15 XI: played 4, won 0.

U14 XI: played 6, won 0.

This team finished equal second in the South Warwickshire six-a-side tournament.

U13 XI: played 4, won 0. - Gregory Mason played regularly for South Warwickshire.

U12 XI: finished 6th in the South Warwickshire eleven-a-side tournament.

Unfortunately the teams' enthusiasm was not matched by corresponding results. However, we hope that the teams will maintain their valiant efforts.

Colours were awarded to Jonathan Wright and Glenn Danks.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

In recent years the School has built up a local reputation of having strong Cross Country teams. This year has been another very successful one.

In the South Warwickshire competition there were a number of individual and team successes.

In the Minor Boys race the team came third, with Andrew Barney 1st and Marcus Carter 4th.

The Junior Boys team won, with Stephen Molloy finishing 2nd and Tim Hood 3rd.

The Intermediate Boys also won the Team Event with Stephen Clarke 4th.

As a result of these races, S. Molloy, C. Monk-Terry, T. Hood and R. Devey ran for South Warwickshire at Junior level. S. Clarke and J. Trout ran at Intermediate level.

In the County Cross Country, both the Junior Boys team and the Intermediate Boys team finished 11th.

## **SQUASH**

The Senior Boys lost to Solihull Sixth Form College 3-2, both home and away. The team consisted of: A. Rowley, P. Seeney, J. Barnes, N. Hood, N. Edkins and R. Chilton.

## **VOLLEYBALL**

The 5th year Boys lost to Kineton School 0-2. Team members were: G. Hickin, A. Blundell, N. Edkins, M. Greenaway, C. Sheridan, J. Emerson.

## **TENNIS**

Senior Boys: Tim Gill beat Neil Edkins.

4th year Boys: Glenn Danks beat Melvin Crane.

1st year Boys: Leslie Hancocks beat Marcus Carter.

## CRICKET

1st XI: Captain: Pat Seeney. Played 4, lost 4. Neil Edkins 42 not out versus Exhall Juniors.

U15 XI: Captain: Stephen Thomas. Played 4, won 2. Melvin Crane 23 versus Greville High School.

U14 XI: Captain: Gary Strain. Played 3, won 2. 1 cancelled.

U13 XI: Captain: Neil Hoare. Played 3, won 1, drew 1. Iain King 27, Neil Hoare 4 for 3 versus Greville High School.

U12 XI: Captain: John Williams. Played 1, won 1, 2 cancelled.

Colours awarded to Stephen Thomas who was selected for South Warwickshire.

## ATHLETICS

South Warwickshire Championships. The following were selected for the County Championships team:

Greg Hickin - intermediate 100 and 200 metres.

Clive Cowin - juniors 400 and 800 metres.

Tim Reed - senior shot put.

Alan Matthews - senior long jump.

Richard Marsh - intermediate triple jump.

Louise Beaman - intermediate high jump.

Inter - County Athletics. Greg Hickin was selected for Warwickshire team in 100 metres, but lost in the semi-finals.

7 July 1980. Relays meeting at A.G.S. versus Kineton, Aylesford, Stratford High School and K.E.S. Stratford. A.G.S. won the Intermediate boys 4 x 100 metres.

## BADMINTON

A.G.S. 4th year team versus Kineton lost.

Nigel Hood was selected for county training.

Colours awarded to Nigel Hood.

## TENNIS

The season has been very successful this year and much enthusiasm has been shown. The senior team which included four boys and four girls played a tournament against the Greville High School. Twelve matches were played, four boys' doubles, four girls' doubles and four mixed doubles.

Team:	won	lost	drawn (due to lack of time)
Boys 1st	2	0	0
Boys 2nd	1	1	0
Girls 1st	2	0	0
Girls 2nd	1	0	1
Mixed	4	0	0

Team: T. Reed (Boys' Captain), N. Edkins, T. Gill, G. Hickin, H. Thompson (Girls' Captain), J. Whinn, A. Hunt, R. Baker.

Tim Reed, L6W.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS 1980

Junior Victrix Ludorum Cup - Louise Beaman.  
Junior Victor Ludorum Cup - Stephen Shirley.  
Senior Victrix Ludorum Cup - Rachel Baker.  
Senior Victor Ludorum Cup - Gregory Hickin.  
John Clark Cup for 1500 metres - Nigel Hood.  
Girls' Sports Cup - Wells.  
Boys' Sports Cup - Spencer.  
Sports Shield - Wells.

\*—denotes a new record.

### Junior Girls (1st and 2nd Forms).

1st year 100m. 1, R. Simmons (N); 2, S. Coldicott (N); 3, L. Ratcliffe (W).  
2nd year 100m. 1, L. Beaman (W)\* (13·5); 2, A. Beard (N); 3, F. Apsley (S).  
200m. 1, L. Beaman (W)\* (30·05); 2, R. Simmons (N); 3, F. Apsley (S).  
High Jump 1, L. Beaman (W); 2, L. Ross (N); 3, K. Woodward (S).  
Long Jump 1, K. Harman (S); 2, J. Stephenson (W); 3, A. Beard (N).  
Relay 1, Wells; 2, Newport; 3, Spencer.

### Intermediate Girls (3rd and 4th Forms).

3rd year 100m. 1, L. Portman (W); 2, A. Thompson (W); 3, S. Brewin (N).  
4th year 100m. 1, R. Baker (S); 2, N. Vale (S); 3, J. Powell (W).  
200m. 1, L. Portman (W); 2, A. Thompson (W); 3, R. Baker (S).  
High Jump 1, J. Powell (W); 2, J. Hawkes (N); 3, S. Gill (W).  
Long Jump 1, S. Gill (W); 2, J. Woodrow (N); 3, R. Baker (S).  
Javelin 1, R. Jordan (N); 2, J. Hawkes (N); 3, S. Newey (S).  
Relay 1, Wells; 2, Spencer; 3, Newport.

### Senior Girls (5th and 6th Forms).

100m. 1, G. Taylor (N); 2, H. Wainwright (N); 3, J. McCarthy (S).  
High Jump 1, E. West (W); 2, D. Smith (N); 3, H. Wainwright (N).  
Long Jump 1, J. Adams (W); 2, S. Holt (S); 3, J. McCarthy (S).  
Discus 1, G. Taylor (N); 2, C. Gilroy (S); 3, C. Ritchie (W).  
Relay 1, Newport; 2, Wells; 3, Spencer.

### Junior Boys

1st year 100m. 1, R. Woodger (S); 2, A. Barney (S); 3, L. Hancocks (W).  
2nd year 100m. 1, G. Farmer (S); 2, R. Knight (W); 3, C. Dipple (N).  
200m. 1, G. Farmer (S); 2, A. Barney (S); 3, R. Knight (W).  
400m. 1, C. Dipple (N); 2, R. Woodger (S); 3, J. Guest (N).  
800m. 1, R. McCarthy (S); 2, M. Carter (W); 3, A. Thomson (W).  
High Jump 1, M. Waldron (N); 2, A. Barney (S); 3, A. Buxton (N).  
Long Jump 1, G. Farmer (S); 2, M. Carter (W); 3, I. King (S).  
Shot 1, C. Moore (S); 2, L. Hancocks (W); 3, M. Waldron (N).  
Discus 1, R. McCarthy (S); 2, C. Martin (N); 3, P. Buglass (S).  
Relay 1, Spencer; 2, Wells; 3, Newport.

### Intermediate Boys

3rd year 100m. 1, A. Knight (S); 2, A. Reeves (W); 3, D. Harris (N).  
4th year 100m. 1, S. Rigby (N); 2, S. Shirley (W); 3, A. Young (S).  
200m. 1, S. Shirley (W); 2, S. Thomas (W); 3, D. Harris (N).  
400m. 1, A. Young (S); 2, S. Thomas (W); 3, M. Crane (W).  
800m. 1, J. Matthews (N); 2, S. Rigby (N); 3, T. Hood (S).  
1500m. 1, J. Matthews (N); 2, T. Hood (S); 3, J. Trout (S).  
High Jump 1, M. Crane (W); 2, G. Strain (S); 3, S. Todd (N).  
Long Jump 1, S. Cuffe (W); 2, G. Danks (W); 3, R. Marsh (N).  
Discus 1, K. Hancocks (W)\* (25·40m); 2, S. Cuffe (W); 3, D. Davies (S).  
Javelin 1, S. Thomas (W); 2, M. Pugh (S); 3, N. Payne (W).  
Shot 1, S. Shirley (W); 2, M. Crane (W); 3, D. Davies (S).  
Relay 1, Wells; 2, Newport; 3, Spencer.

## Senior Boys

100m.	1, G. Hickin (S); 2, S. Butler (S); 3, A. Matthews (N).
400m.	1, S. Peace (S); 2, T. Reed (W); 3, A. Shorey (W).
1500m.	1, N. Hood (S); 2, C. Sheridan (N); 3, G. Hemming (W).
Long Jump	1, G. Hickin (S); 2, P. Foster (S); 3, A. Shorey (W).
Discus	1, T. Reed (W); 2, C. Sheridan (N); 3, N. Hood (S).
Javelin	1, G. Hickin (S); 2, R. Maries (N); 3, T. Gill (N).
Shot	1, T. Reed (W); 2, C. Sheridan (N); 3, N. Edkins (W).
Relay	1, Spencer; 2, Wells; 3, Newport.
Tug-of-war	1, Wells; 2, Spencer; 3, Newport.

## Novelty Events (Mixed)

Three-legged race:

Junior	1, Spencer; 2, Wells; 3, Newport.
Intermediate	1, Wells; 2, Newport; 3, Spencer.
Senior	1, Wells; 2, Newport; 3, Spencer.

Chariot race:

Girls	1, Spencer; 2, Newport; 3, Wells.
Boys	1, Spencer; 2, Wells; 3, Newport.

## INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY RACE

The race was held on a fine Wednesday afternoon just before the Easter break. The course was even longer this year with the addition of the field behind the Roebuck Inn. A wade through the river Arrow was also necessary to complete the course and the seniors had about half a mile more to run than the juniors.

Alistair Rowley came first for the seniors with Pat Seeney second and Steven Clark third, Newport being the winning house.

Spencer won in the junior race, the individual winners being first Stephen Molloy, second Timothy Hood and third Clive Cowin.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Mr. Crabtree for letting us use his field for running this race.

Nicholas Bennett 4M.



*Crossing the River by Sean Wheeldon 4M.*

# HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP 1979-1980

	1st	2nd	3rd
Senior Netball	W	N=S	—
Senior Badminton	N=S=W	—	—
Senior Table Tennis	W	N	S
Senior Squash	N	S	W
Junior Hockey	N	W	S
Junior Badminton	N	W	S
Junior Table Tennis	N	S	W
Senior Rugby	N	W	S
Junior Rugby	S	W	N
Senior Badminton	W	N	S
Junior Badminton	S	N=W	—
Senior Squash	W	S	N
Senior Table Tennis	W	N	S
Junior Table Tennis	W	N	S
Senior Unihoc	N	S=W	—
Junior Unihoc	N=W=S	—	—
Canoeing	S	N	W
Senior Hockey	N	S	W
Junior Netball	W	S	N
Senior Table Tennis	W	S	N
Junior Table Tennis	W	N	S
Senior Soccer	W	N	S
Junior Soccer	S	N=W	—
Senior Hockey	S	W	N
Unihoc	S	N	W
Junior Soccer/Tennis	N=S	—	W
Cross Country	S	N	W
Senior Non-Stop Cricket	W	N	S
Volleyball	S	W	N
Swimming	N	S	W
Chess	S	N=W	—
Athletic Sports	W	S	N
Senior Tennis	N=W	—	S
Junior Tennis	W	N	S
Junior Rounders	W	N	S
Senior Rounders	N=S	—	W
Archery	W	S	N
Junior Cricket	S	W	N
Senior Cricket	W	S	N

1st Wells	166 points
2nd Spencer	143 points
3rd Newport	141 points



### **THE COMPUTER CLUB**

This club introduces people to computer techniques with the help of a teacher. At first very simple programmes are used, such as finding averages, but, after gaining experience, harder programmes, like setting a French test, can be tackled. The school's computer is a readout machine which is linked by telephone to a larger computer.

The computer club hopes to gain a better computer with a visual display unit. Some members of the club have entered a competition to try and win one. The project chosen is "Banking with a computer in the school". This could help children learn to handle money sensibly and to use a computer.

M. Bartlett 2M.

### **ART CLUB**

Every Wednesday, dinner-time, Miss Simm organises an art club in which we make many pictures. These range from pencil sketches to complex mosaics. Altogether about ten people attend the club and they are mostly in the first year. Occasionally Miss Simm allows us to continue with work we have been doing in class. Everyone who is a member of the club finds it a most enjoyable way to spend a Wednesday dinner-time.

Gillian Bubb 1S.

### **TRAMPOLINE CLUB**

This club meets every Thursday lunch-time. We have learnt the basic movements and some of us are progressing to the more complicated routines for a trampolining award. We would like to thank Mr. Cowell for teaching us during his lunch hour.

Leila Khan 2S.

### **GYMNASTIC CLUB**

Every Thursday lunch-time, Julie Adams runs the gymnastic club in the hall. Here we learn the basic movements for the BAGA awards and then more complicated awards depending on which stage we have reached. We would like to thank Julie for giving up her time to teach us gymnastics.

Julie Pugh 2S.

### **BADMINTON CLUB**

The first year Badminton club, held on Friday lunch-time, is run by Mrs. Matthews and is attended by about fifteen up-and-coming players.

Mrs. Matthews also supervises a club for second year members after school on Fridays. This is attended by about eight players who entered a competition but unfortunately were beaten.

Jeremy Cuffe 2S.

### **THE DEBATING SOCIETY**

The school's debating society has now become firmly established, with high attendances at each meeting. We have debated a variety

of topics, including the abolition of legalised abortions, boycotting the Moscow Olympics, and the plight of the American hostages in Iran.

Although most of our debates do concern serious issues, we also had a very successful debate at the end of the Christmas term with the motion that "This house believes in Father Christmas", when it was proved that we were all children at heart, and the motion was greatly supported.

The society also provided a team to take part in the annual competition organised by the Stratford-upon-Avon Junior Chamber of Commerce. However, despite a valiant effort, our team of Julie Hall, Amanda Wearing, Anne Griffiths and Sarah-Jane Plant was defeated by a very strong K.E.S. team over the merits of nuclear power.

The society welcomes new members and ideas, especially from the younger section of the school, who, it is hoped, will strengthen the society and enable us to hold more regular and varied debates in the future.

Amanda Wearing L6N (Secretary)

### **BRIDGE CLUB**

Junior Bridge Club continued to meet in room 4 on Fridays. A few after school sessions were held, so that more hands could be played. Thanks are due to the "old" members who have generously shared their knowledge with the first year players.

C.M.H.

### **THE INDUSTRIAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY**

During the past year, the A.G.S.I.A.S. has continued to flourish, under Mr. Johnson's watchful eye, with a membership mainly of sixth formers.

In October, a very enjoyable visit took place to Bristol, where members were able to see a pumphouse functioning at Claverton. After lunch, the party then visited the S.S. Great Britain, where they saw the restoration work in progress and rounded off the day at Bristol's Museum of Science and Technology, with its many exhibits relating to the development of the city.

In December, we were given a tour of Great Alne Mill, and saw the various stages of the milling process in this working tribute to our country's heritage.

The society welcomes new members, and we are keen to encourage support from the junior forms of the school, to swell our ranks, which, we hope, will lead to a full programme of events during the coming year.

Amanda Wearing L6N (Secretary)

### **METALWORK CLUB**

In the Metalwork room on Tuesdays at lunchtime and on Mondays after school, those who wished to were given the opportunity to continue the work which they were doing during their spare time.

Attendances have been good, except in the warmer weather, and I am sure that everyone who attended would like to thank Mr. Maund for giving up his time in this way.

Edward Rehring 4S.

### **RECORD CLUB**

At the start of the '79/80 school year, the record club was formed so that, during Friday lunch-hours, 3rd years could go along to Room 7 and listen to records (past and present), brought in by Mr. Watts and, on occasions, by the children themselves. After a few weeks, it was decided that the club should be extended to 2nd and 4th years, each person who came paying 5 pence towards the computer fund. At one stage, just under 100 people turned up.

Both Nick Bennett and I, as co-ordinators, would like to thank Mr. Watts for the way in which he organised the record club, which has been such a great success.

David Lawrence 4M.

### **THE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

On the evening of October 23rd 1979, three sixth form pupils from A.G.S. were seen entering Tiddington Village Hall with considerable trepidation in order to participate in the annual Public Speaking Competition organised by the Stratford-upon-Avon Club of the United Kingdom Federation of Business and Professional Women.

In this competition, fifteen minutes are allocated to each team, the individual teams being composed of a chairman, a main speaker and someone who proposes the vote of thanks to the speaker. Remembering that the judges are looking for various qualities - subject material, stance and voice inflection, for example - each team must conduct the proceedings as if a true meeting is in progress, allowing time for questions to the speaker from the floor.

Our team consisted of Joanne Bateman, supported by Julie Taylor acting as chairwoman, with Elizabeth McCarthy to propose a vote of thanks. Joanne, as main speaker, gave a very interesting and amusing talk on journalism, which masqueraded under the harmless title of "A work-experience scheme".

This is the second year that a team from the school has entered the competition and the valid experience gained from our entry last year was obviously put to good use when our team won this local heat, and was presented with the coveted Ena Rouch Challenge Trophy, despite opposition from Bidford, Henley and Studley High Schools, and Stratford's Grammar and High Schools, talking on subjects ranging from abortion to working mothers; from playgroups to the rehabilitation of old people.

Victorious in this heat, we then went forward with basically the same subject material to the Midland round of the competition at the College of Food and Domestic Art in Birmingham, where we met opposition from as far away as Oswestry, but were unfortunately

beaten by the members of another Welsh team, who spoke very convincingly about the Eisteddfod and who then went on to the finals in London.

May we thank Mrs. Woodcock for her time and assistance in preparation for the competition, and both Mrs. Woodcock and Mrs. Ince for their support at both rounds of the competition.

Julie Taylor L6N.

### **THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

The Christian Fellowship, meeting every Tuesday lunchtime in the Geography Room, has had an active and enjoyable year. The Fellowship began the year with a set of studies on the story of Joseph in the Old Testament followed by a look at the "I am . . ." sayings of Jesus; later in the year we went on to consider what the Apostle Paul had to say to us today in his letter to the Corinthians, written nearly 2000 years ago! The Fellowship has also had several very welcome and appreciated visitors who have attracted a good deal of attention; Mr. Harold Bagby and his guide dog came to tell us about his Christian experience as a Blind person, and the Rev. Grantham - the Minister at Alcester's Baptist Church - talked with us and later led us in singing with his guitar. Finally, Paul Fluck, team vicar from Ipsley in Redditch, gave us an interesting and loud talk on "The gospel according to Rock and Roll".

The highlight of the year was the annual Houseparty held at Newbold-on-Stour in October. The theme was "The Challenge of Christ" and it was led by Howard and Irene Heyburn from Redditch. We had several discussions and meetings during the week-end, went on a Mystery Tour (ending up at Batsford Arboretum), and also took part in a Service at Newbold on Sunday morning.

The Fellowship would like to thank both Mr. Balaam and Mrs. Morgan very much for arranging visits, film-strips and discussions for our weekly meetings.

Sandra Taylor L6N.

Henry Wallace L6W.

### **CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH : BOYS v. GIRLS**

On the last day of the Autumn term the members of form 2S marched out on to the football pitch. The girls, showing signs of apprehension, were told not to worry as Mr. Cowell was refereeing. As the pitch was rather muddy, the boys ran into some difficulties regarding their wellies which, according to the rules of this particular match, had to be three sizes too big. After an exciting but unscoring first half, the second half proved to be even more exciting than the first. One boy, who shall remain nameless, while kicking the ball realised he was minus a welly. The referee decided that kicking the ball without a welly on was against the rules and awarded a free kick to the girls. Towards the end of the game the girls scored. The credit for this goal must not be given entirely to 2S girls, as sixth

form girls played for us. We would like to thank Anne Hunt, Jane Whinn and Liz Plummer for playing. We would also like to thank our one supporter who turned out to watch us and also Mr. Cowell for refereeing the match so well. We managed to raise £3 and this was donated to Dr Barnardo's Fund.

2S.

### **"FORWARD INTO BATTLE, MEN AND GIRLS!"**

Following the success of 3M's sponsored Uni-Hoc last year, the class of thirty-two decided to raise some more money for charity. In 1979, the proceeds had gone to a Kidney Machine Fund, but this year the charity chosen (by unanimous decision) was the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Everyone was set on beating the previous amount of money raised (£85) and on a chilly night in early February the school hall swarmed with eager and noisy three-eyers. Into battle they rock in full fighting armour (gym shirts?) ready to do battle with their foe for a chance to win the coveted Golden Marsbar. After a scorching two hours of playing, suffering under the biased and prejudiced judgement of the referee Mark Shurmer, the team of MW, AT, ME, AW triumphed and gained their prizes (of Blue Peter badges and Crackerjack pencils).

Those who found the thought of battling to the death in the hall just too much took the idea of a route march in the country or a solitary cavalryride around the area.

And the money just rolled in! Would we make the £100 mark? With calculators in hand, the total rose, £80, £90, £95, £100! And it didn't stop there! The final total was agreed to be £120! This money was later presented to Miss Robinson and Mumfie, her guide-dog, who received it on behalf of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Thanks must be given to all those who sponsored us and to Mrs. Davis and Mark Shurmer for putting up with us.

Alastair Reeves 3M.

### **"MISTER CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN"**

After a perilous heat in the Geography Room, Mrs. Woodcock proudly announced the members of the school's Public Speaking team. Little did we know what we had let ourselves in for! We were to speak for five minutes at the Redditch Junior Chamber of Commerce Public Speaking Competition. Our speeches could range from 'Smoke signals' to 'The Language of flowers' and from 'Talking to Aliens' to 'The generation gap'. By now, the inexperienced team of four, namely, Jonathan Cartledge, Lucinda Dale, Mair Hughes and Alastair Reeves, had been instructed in the rules of the Junior section of the contest, while the experienced Julia Hall braced herself for the Senior section.

The day of the competition arrived in early February and in true Grammar style we arrived at our dreaded venue, the Leys School,

Redditch, too early! The nerves soon set in like rigor mortis in a rabbit in a butcher's shop window.

Julia, with her experience, knowledge of language and sheer imagination (and guts) made an excellent speech and outspoke everybody to win her section! Luck was the only word we could think of when it was announced that Alastair Reeves was the runner-up in the Junior section! Though our speakers had entered individually, the Grammar School came away with the best results of all. Every competitor was given a certificate and a book donated by the sponsors.

A big 'thank you' must be given to all those who helped. To Mrs. Woodcock and Joanne Bateman, especially, who gave some helpful criticism of the speeches and the speakers.

Alastair Reeves 3M.

### **FIRST FORM EASTER COMPETITION**

At Easter we had an egg decorating contest. There were about twenty entries which included a clown, a monk, a green Martian, A Red Indian, a schoolmaster, a school girl, a humpty-dumpty, a hospital scene, a little boy on a swing, a bird, a girl guide, a spaceman, decoration, a cow and two rabbits. The competition was very successful and there were some lovely entries. The green Martian, done by Vivien Evans, won the first prize. The clown, the monk, the schoolmaster and the boy on the swing were all runners-up. This was a very happy event for all who took part in it.

Karon Woodward 1M.

### **A WHALE OF A TIME**

Form 1S wanted to raise money for a good cause. Form Tutor Miss Simm, put several causes on the board and the whole class voted. An almost unanimous decision was reached; the Save the Whale Fund. Miss Simm, I think, was slightly surprised that most of the class had chosen the "Whale Fund" rather than the "Cambodia Appeal".

To raise money we had a cake sale and everybody in the class brought a contribution. Posters to advertise the sale were put up around the school with slogans, such as: 'Eat a cake for a whale's sake.' The cake sale was a great success and we raised £15 for the fund.

We give our thanks to the parents who allowed their child in 1S to make a mess in their kitchen whilst making cakes, and also to the people who bought them.

Louise Ross 1S.

### **"WHAT JUNIOR PARTY?"**

Four months after the Junior Party took place those involved were interviewed by three smart Upper Sixth-Formers who thought that the initial shock of its success would have worn off.



Comments from the first and second formers ranged from the abstract ("I don't know what to say") to the informative ("It was all out on benches and things, you could take what you liked"!) and included: . . . "grub was nice", . . . "better than last year", "Quite good actually", "We got out of maths", "Very good", "We liked it. It was stupid", "The food was good", "Great", "It weren't too bad", "Too intimate" (?) and "I didn't go".

Sixth form views echoed enthusiasm to ecstasy and included: "I couldn't stand the excitement", "Pretty amazing", "A bit too grown-up for me", "Social event of the year", "Excellent", "Good clean fun, wasn't it?" "Really whizz", "Of course I went" and "I didn't get to where I am today without going to the Junior Party".

The event was clearly an unforgettable experience for those lucky enough to be there.

I would like to take this opportunity of acknowledging the co-operation of those educated persons of the school whose intuitions have made this article maddeningly possible.

Compiled by a quaint sixth former.

### **A TRIP TO WEMBLEY**

On Saturday 8th March, a rowdy selection of hockey enthusiasts packed into a coach and steamed off to Wembley.

Once we were armed with scarves, rosettes, flags and other suitable attire, we swarmed into the stadium. Ed Stewart appeared and we sang throatily for some time. When the two teams appeared Wembley erupted. The echo of our singing was very confusing and when the National Anthem struck up we couldn't hear the band for noise!

When the game started we balanced on our uncomfortable benches to watch. England was on the attack almost continuously and there was a moment of doubt when Val Robinson scored. Unfortunately, the goal was disallowed. Soon afterwards a real goal was scored and we leapt to our feet singing madly and waving flags. This was how the score remained until half-time, and we relaxed for a quick sing-song. The songs were fairly easy to learn, mostly consisting of one word: ENGLAND.

The teams reappeared with the professionalism equalled only by that of the 3rd year eleven last season, and we resettled in preparation. Once again a goal was disallowed, but Scotland played better and put England under pressure. Then, on the break, England scored again to make the final score 2 - 0.

We returned home jubilant and voiceless to put away flags for another year. Our thanks to Mrs. Bonham and Mrs. Matthews for organising the trip.

Lucy Matthews 3S.

## THE GREAT MALVERN EXPEDITION

When a person of subnormal intelligence suggested a walk on the Malverns, Mr. C. J. Johnson, leader of the ex-walking club, readily agreed to undertake the venture.

Twenty mentally deficient people, plus T. Noakes and D. Cooper, consisting of approximately half pupils and half staff and family, (giving a good reflection of the internal enthusiasm for external events) assembled outside school and made their way by coach to the southern end of the Malvern range.

The ascent of the first hill finished most of them; the second, the rest of us. The earliest high spot was a literally flying descent by D. Cooper who considered walking rather too slow. Then followed fifty metres breast stroke in mud of a rather dubious nature.

Luncheon was eaten at the British Camp, however, it was with regret that luncheon vouchers were not acceptable.

All morning, the party was followed by a suspicious character in red-heeled shoes and a K.G.B. issued raincoat who was obviously shadowing us in search of the secret of our success.

After lunch, the party began to spread out somewhat, not helped by N. Braithwaite forcing his hapless brother to carry the overladen rucksack. This led to the second crisis of the day when Braithwaite minor became a victim of cramp, a situation easily remedied by Mrs. Albon's amazing salted peanuts. By the time Worcestershire Beacon was reached the party was well spread out with Mr. C. J. J. Johnson bringing up the rear; this he claimed was to prevent other members of the party from falling behind, but we know differently, don't we?

The triumphant party descended into Malvern, like a defeated army, where they were revitalised by ice cream and beverages(?). This was a truly memorable outing for which we give our humble thanks to Mr. C. J. J. J. Johnson.

T. Noakes and D. Cooper U6W.

## 20,000 LEAGUES WAIST DEEP IN THE AVON

In Sweden, eccentrics are made to go orienteering in the hope they get lost. In Nepal, they are made to climb Everest in the hope they meet the Yeti. But in England, eccentrics are made to join Canoe Club and are forced to go where no man has gone before, up the Avon!

Mr. 'Captain Scott' Cowell (who else?) takes total command of each expedition and proceeds to teach even the lowliest of beginners the fun of canoeing. Every Friday, after school, the lucky (?) few brace themselves for another perilous journey up the Amazon, (the one near Bidford!) In the shadow of the Himalayas we prepare our plentiful stock of canoes, spray decks and paddles for our epic voyage, while listening to the sweet gurgling of the sewage emptying into the Avon. Gingerly leaving our provisions behind, (a flask of cold tea and half a Mother's Pride filled with Sainsbury's meat paste) we lower our boats onto the icy depths. Mr. 'Captain Cook' Cowell tries to convince us there are no sharks, but those aren't goldfish

we can see swimming around our feet. The first moment we realise we are no longer on dry land is the worst. Great thoughts flood our helmets as we begin to wonder why our boats have been christened the "Marie Celeste", the "Lusitania" or the "Titanic". True there are no icebergs in this part of the Nile but there are Mr. Cowell's little games', such as 'Three men and two boats', where the victim perches precariously on the back of somebody else's boat while trying not to face an early bath.

Meanwhile, as we round the corner of the glacier we find amid the tropical rain forest, the goal of our journey - Barton Weir! Niagara Falls - eat your heart out! But who dares to take on this might of the great River Avon? "You all will!" shouts Mr. 'Nelson' Cowell. The cowards of the troop try to escape the task by capsizing, but after a quick "Think of your King and Country" speech from Mr. Wellington' Cowell they are made to go over the weir first. "See you at the bottom!" they cry, and it seems as though the bottom never comes. It's amazing that ever since metrication, two feet seems an awfully long way. When the survivors congregate at the bottom, two minutes silence is observed for the dead and lost in the course of action. Canoe Club is a very good way of settling personal grievances, you know.

Back at Base Camp, a scrumptious feast is held in honour of the great occasion, and once more Mr. C. gets the tea-leaves and the crumbs. Mr. 'Livingstone' Cowell suddenly realises that he has brought back as many men as he started with and in fact he lost none! Poor Mr. C., better luck next time!

Alastair Reeves 3M.

#### EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER FROM TOKYO

It was rather strange at first as everything is not only in a different language, but all in kangi. But the Japanese are very, very helpful, and will help you even if you don't really need help. One thing not to be recommended, however, is the rush hour. It is dreadful. Previously, I had heard tales of three-hour traffic jams and people pushed into trains en masse, but hadn't really taken much notice, until I went out at 5.15 to go to a concert at 6.30. Ugh! Never again!

Tokyo is different from how I had imagined it. There seems to be more space somehow. I had previously thought it would be a bit like Hong Kong, I suppose. I can't really say much of it is beautiful, but many of its tall buildings are well designed and original. Ah yes, now to the Terror of Tokyo - earthquakes. We've had two big ones that made the papers, and about three little ones that I didn't feel.

The first one arrived in our old house, which withstood the 1923 earthquake. I was upstairs in my room at about 2.30 p.m. Suddenly the curtains shook and the picture moved and the windows rattled. At first I just thought it vibration from traffic, but when the floor beneath me moved I realised what it was. I'm afraid I wasn't very good. I should have "placed my hands 6 inches above my head, palms downwards and shouted 'turn off the gas' " but I stood and

giggled, then looked out of the window and wondered if the apartment opposite would crumble or lurch over towards the house. However, then it stopped and no after effects - cracks in the pavement etc., but apparently it was a force seven tremor. The second big one came at about 7.30 in the morning. I was just deciding it was time to roll out of bed, when it all started rumbling again. This time I just lay there and waited until it had finished, then gingerly put a foot on the floor, half-expecting it to cave in!

Liz McCarthy (formerly L6)

### **FIRST IMPRESSIONS**

A visit to London by the 5th form art group and some members of the U6th took place on 1st February. Our purpose that day was to see the highly acclaimed post-Impressionist exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts. Also, we tried to appreciate as many other works as time would permit in London's other two main galleries, the National Gallery and the Tate, whilst in between times catching glimpses of some of those famous city sights.

Here are just a few of the many interpretations of the art work we saw that day. The beginner's view of the great masters.

"The paintings were huge, it makes you realise how difficult it must be for the artist to get the correct proportions".

"The optic and kinetic display in the Tate was fantastic - even though it did make one feel a bit queezy".

"In the National Gallery the portraits smelt like paintings should; oil paint and age".

"One modern picture was just a black square, another was a white piece of paper entitled, 'First communion of anaemic young girls in the snow.' I wonder how they get away with it?"

"Some modern art is awful, it is as if a little kid had done it. Henri Matisse's 'Woman in front of a window' looks as if it has been painted with a knife and fork."

"At first the Turner paintings seemed like blotches of paint but, by staring hard at them, more detail, understanding and expression could be gained from the pictures."

"As we came out of the Tate the evening light was flickering pink on the Thames and walking along the Embankment gazing across the river we could see a real-life Monet."

These few comments show just how opinions on art can vary, even within our small group. I think it's called 'individuality'.

Rowena Swinbourne U6N.

### **RETURN VISIT TO FRANCE : OCTOBER 1979**

At about mid-day on Sunday, 21st October, a group of twenty-eight of us arrived in Le Loroux-Bottereau, near Nantes, to visit our French pen-friends who had stayed with us the previous April. Our hosts were waiting for us at their school and, after being welcomed by the headmaster, we left for our respective homes. Most families

had arranged some sort of activity for the rest of Sunday and so we were all ready for bed by the end of the day.

Monday was spent in school where we were interested to find many differences between French and English schools. Lessons begin at half past eight and finish at a quarter past five with a two hour lunch break. We were allowed to sit in on some lessons which we found very interesting.

On Tuesday morning we visited a stainless-steel workshop in Vallet where we saw wine vats being made. We then visited the local yoghurt factory around which we were given a conducted tour. In the afternoon we were taken to a vineyard in Le Landreau, where the grape harvest was in progress. The high spot of the afternoon was undoubtedly the sampling of the 'vin nouveau'.

There is no school on Wednesdays in France, so some of us went cycling with our pen-friends, crossing the Loire on our way to a small town called Thouaré where we stopped for refreshments. It was a very strange feeling for us to be cycling on the 'wrong' side of the road.

On Thursday afternoon we visited two museums in Nantes. The first was dedicated to the life and work of Jules Verne while the other was that of the Compagnons, the French equivalent of the guilds of craftsmen, where we saw many examples of fine work.

On Friday afternoon we visited the Château des Ducs de Bretagne at Nantes where examples of traditional Breton costumes were on view. Afterwards we saw a section of the old town and visited the cathedral.

Saturday was spent in different ways; a small group of us went to Nantes again with our pen-friends and then, in the evening, our hosts had organised a special disco for us.

On Sunday some families took trips to the coast, although I was taken to dinner at the house of my pen-friend's relations. Monday flew past with a visit to the biscuit factory near Nantes, and soon Tuesday arrived when we had to leave. We travelled to St Malo, stopping for an hour or so to explore Mont St Michel before embarking at midnight and reaching our native coast the following morning.

We should all like to thank Mr. Oldham, Mrs. Mickelthwaite and Mr. Turner for organising the visit which gave us an insight into the French way of life.

Anne Griffiths and Amanda Wearing L6.

### **CRUISE 1980**

Saturday, 22nd March. At midnight sixty-two Alcester Grammar School students were ready and waiting to catch the coach which finally arrived at half past one, via the M42! ? Our confidence in the company taking us half way round the world was considerably shattered by this delayed departure. Fortunately we arrived at the airport in plenty of time and caught the plane at nine o'clock. We finally took off at five to ten and prepared ourselves for the "haute cuisine" This meal was the last 'real food' we were to eat for two whole weeks.

We landed in Venice at half past eleven and made our way to the ship that was to be our home for this great adventure. Chaos!! There were nearly 2,000 school children running around on board. Secret information was smuggled out to us: "Don't eat the food!!" Some did eat what was served up for 'meals'!! After lunch we were split into shore parties and invaded St Mark's Square. We returned to the ship for 'dinner' and took part in the evening's entertainment.

Sunday 23rd March. Venice again and it was raining. (Perhaps that's why the streets were flooded?) We explored St Mark's Square again and acquired a taste for Italian coffee. We caught a river bus at the Rialto Bridge and returned to the Uganda wet and tired.

Monday and Tuesday. On these two days we took part in lessons, lectures, deck games and sunbathing. The more senior members of our party were appointed Ship's prefects and members of Senior Club.

Wednesday 26th Athens. In the morning we explored the Flea Market in Athens, while others of our party went to Delphi or Piraeus. Here we had our first taste of bargaining. A few members of the party (mentioning no names) managed to lose their way. The afternoon was spent on, in and around Athens and the Acropolis.

Friday 27th, Istanbul. It was raining again and you would be forgiven for thinking you were still in Venice from the state of the 'roads'. The morning was spent in the Grand Bazaar to the sound of Turkish Delight sellers. In the afternoon we visited the Grand Mosque.

Sunday 29th, Ephesus. We had a two-hour coach journey from Izmir to Ephesus where we saw the Virgin Mary's house(?), the nuns at Ephesus and St John's Basilica. We all thought Turkey was very beautiful.

Monday 30th, Rhodes. Monday morning was like a normal day at sea but in the afternoon we landed at Rhodes to visit the ruins at Lindos. After returning to Rhodes, Mrs. Ince showed us the street of the Knights, then most of us spent our time shopping.

Wednesday 2nd April, Egypt? Today was scheduled for the visit to the pyramids but, at breakfast time, the Captain announced that we had been unable to bring a pilot aboard and we would hope to enter Alexandria harbour later, as it was too windy to dock. Most people felt very miserable but those who were ill were relieved to find that they had another day to recover before the chance of seeing the pyramids. We managed to dock after lunch and spent the afternoon seeing the sights of Alexandria.

Thursday 3rd, The Pyramids. Reveille was at a quarter to three. Somehow everybody managed to eat breakfast and make their way to the coaches. It was a long journey across the desert to the pyramids and most of us, who weren't asleep, managed to see the rising sun. We had half an hour at the pyramids, ten minutes at Memphis and about an hour at the Cairo Museum, before beginning our long journey back to the ship. We returned tired and hungry.

Friday 4th. This day was spent playing deck games, seeing films or sleeping. There was a cocktail party for the prefects and one



for the prizewinners. Our school had supplied almost half the prefects and had won the quiz, beating K.E.S. Carole Lester came third in the Miss Uganda competition and Lucy Matthews won the girls' fancy dress competition, dressed as David Bellamy. Ross dormitory, containing some of our boys, won the boys' deck hockey. Nobody wanted to go home.

Saturday 5th. We docked in Athens and after breakfast shopped in Piraeus. Then we returned to our last 'meal' on board ship. We disembarked for the last time at around twelve noon and this time for the first time we were the first school to be called to the gangway. Our plane was due to take off at about two o'clock. Once on board the pilot announced that we were likely to be delayed for two hours, but luckily the difficulty was resolved and five minutes later we took off.

By ten o'clock that night we were back with our parents, safe and sound. We had all had an absolutely wonderful time on the Cruise and would like to thank Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Ince, Mr. Oldham and Mr. Balaam for putting up with us.

Nic Strain and Rosemary Church L6.

### **DELPHI**

If a housing committee of today wanted to decide where to build a new estate, and consulted a sixteen-year old girl, chewing herbs and sitting on a tripod over a pit, inhaling sulphurous fumes, who told them to follow a cow, we would doubt their sanity! But in Ancient Greece this was the accepted practice and the place where you consulted the oracle was Delphi.

Now, there is only a ruined temple, a theatre, a stadium and a treasury remaining, and this is what ten of us with Mrs. Matthews went to see. We paid an extra £6 and instead of visiting Athens at that time, we visited it at the end of the cruise. We crossed the plain of Thebes and went up into the mountains where it was said to have been snowing. But when we arrived it was warm and dry and the view down the valley quite spectacular. Our guide took us round the museum first, where we saw statues and treasures found on the site and then we walked around the ruins. We illegally ate our packed lunches in the stadium keeping an eye out for men in grey uniform and sat in the "Royal Box" to be photographed.

Delphi was more peaceful than any other place we visited on the cruise, and with the beautiful view from the top of the theatre it was easy to see why the Greeks had chosen it for the site of a temple.

Jonathan Cartledge 4S.

### **INSIGHT '80 : BATH UNIVERSITY : 6 - 12 JULY**

The Engineering Industry Training Board course was intended to show potential women engineers some of the scope and possibilities of university engineering courses.

There were thirty-six girls present who had been lucky enough to be selected from many hundreds of applicants.

We spent the week working in groups under the leadership of women already working as engineers in industry. We investigated some practical problems with varying degrees of success. During the week we all had a works visit and a tour around some departments in the university.

The social aspects of university life were also sampled, including sharing the cooking for dinner one evening!

In all, the week was a valuable experience, and I now have a better understanding of what engineering as a career might involve.

Rosemary Church L6W.

### **BARNARDO'S**

The Barnardo's box-holders have this year raised £157.99 - a very pleasing effort indeed as during the past year there have been so many demands made by other deserving causes.

Form 1's Christmas Tree collection raised £35.25 - especially welcome as this helps to buy presents for children in Barnardo's care. I had the usual help from pupils who went carol singing: Mark Sreeves in 1S collected over £5 and a big group of 3S and 3M members, led by David Glaze, raised more than £10. Keith Baldry, Lawrence Jones and Nick Wootton-Jones from 1M also collected for the Christmas fund.

The end of term Non-uniform Day was wholeheartedly supported as usual and raised £30 and the Upper Sixth and 2S both gave extra donations. Mrs. Bonham sold some lost property for £1.45 and the fines she collected for reclaimed lost property during the past twelve months amounted to a staggering £6.14!

The final total for 1979 - 80 came to £284 and I thank all members of the school for their loyal support and help.

K.G.M.

### **CANOE TRIP ON RIVER WYE**

On June 30th Mrs. Albon and Mr. Cowell took a group of 5th form and Upper 6th canoeists on a three-day canoe trip down the River Wye.

We had the school mini-bus with canoe trailer (as built by Dave Peters 1977) and numerous labour saving devices. We embarked at Ross-on-Wye and the first afternoon's paddle was about 5½ miles to Welsh Bicknor Youth Hostel. Spurning the luxurious cold running water and beds of the hostel we camped (after eating our regulation Canoe Trip fish and chips).

The next day we had a 9 mile paddle to the Biblins camp site in the forest of Dean. We had a camp fire in the evening and Neil, Adrian and Mark felt that burnt bacon sandwiches were just the thing before settling down for the night.

The final day involved a 6 mile paddle to Monmouth where we were treated to the sight of a Monmouth school rowing eight zig-

zagging its way up the river with the cox foaming at the mouth almost in his efforts to restore order.

In spite of the weather being wet and miserable for the first two days, a fine time was had by all.

Party: Liz Plummer, Ann Thompson, Ruth Grier, Karen Hooker, Roy Foster, Mark Greenaway, Neil Edkins, Adrian Blundell, Colin Sheridan, Tim Gill, Chris Thompson, James Emerson and David Bullingham.

### OLLA PODRIDA

J.W. (1M) considers that "a large angel has got more uphill energy".

Anon. Oxygen was discovered by J. B. Priestly.

J.M. (L6) in a comprehension test stated: "During the war, women worked in factories so that they could keep on producing".

Which first former believes that "the area of my heel is 49 centimetres square and the area of my soul is 96 centimetres square"?

C.T. (5S) translated 'un petit homme souriant' as 'small mousish man'.

A member of 1M claimed that he/she took an English languish exam.

A 2M answer in English Literature reports that "Bassario borrows three thousand Ticks of the Jew, Shylock, to be repaid in six months."

A 2M girl wrote: "The people who live in the Sahara Desert are mostly nomads, but those that have settled in the same place all the time are called Oasises".

Writing about cattle ranches in Australia, a 2S boy stated: "The farmers have to face an irregular weather pattern which is not very reliable."

No Latin scholar, N.B., with tongue in cheek, told us that "Sic transit gloria mundi" could be freely translated as: We shall all be sick in the glorious minibus on Monday.

### THE EXECUTION

*A car door slams, distant, alone.  
Steps — brisk, neat steps, closer each second.  
A grey uniform, creased and neat,  
Everything neat. A smart halt.  
A salute. "Good morning, sir."  
"Proceed." A neat salute.  
The lights go out, heartbeats race,  
Feet scuff the gravel. The air becomes tense,  
Ropes cut your wrists. "Load!" shouts the voice.  
"Aim!" shouts the voice. "Fire!" says the voice.  
Nothing.*

Henry Wallace L6W



*Mandy King, 4M.*



*Badger - Wendy Silverstone, 4M.*

Eternal dripping silences  
 As heads bend low.  
 Water washes, aimless,  
     down impregnable walls;  
 Rivers run Utopia-bound  
     Outside.  
 Inside,  
     heads bend low,  
 A stream of paper flows  
     Within  
 And echoes through the brains  
     of minds encased in ink.  
 The final throes of  
     final words  
 Inscribed too late, remain  
 Long after  
     Rivers reach Utopia.

Sarah-Jane Plant 5M

### THE APPROACH OF A THUNDERSTORM

There were various signs to show that a thunderstorm was imminent. Above were threatening, dark clouds which looked as though they would burst at any moment. The air was oppressive and still as if it knew about the oncoming storm and was waiting, holding its breath.

Suddenly, the parched grass, which had been without water for so long, began to quiver and tremble as the first rustle of wind brushed gently against it. It was as if in expectation of the approaching downpour, which would at last revive it. Gradually the wind began to increase.

The clouds in the sky became even more menacing, and the first rumble of thunder, like a giant drumroll, was heard in the distance. At last the much needed raindrops began to fall from the sky. The thunderstorm had arrived.

Tessa Baggett 4M

### THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL FILES

Alcester Grammar School appears in most people's opinions to be a fairly typical rural secondary school. But for the past few years all has not been typical of a rural secondary school. Things have been seen at night, crawling helplessly away; hideous groans and yells have been heard, and suspicion has arisen. Many people have dismissed these as myths, but facts cannot be denied! There have been more U.F.O. abductions in this vicinity than anywhere else in the country, and occasions when people have been found exhausted in shorts and pumps in the nearby cemetery.

Interest arose. Recently, R.A.F. have been flying reconnaissance aircraft over the building and surrounding countryside to look for clues. Two inside informers in the guise of maths teachers were employed. A file was opened in Westminster and was soon brimming, and then a dramatic operation planned by the Home Secretary took place, of which locals were totally oblivious. Firstly, employees of a nearby factory were stunned by Alcester Constabulary into utmost secrecy. Simultaneously a force of thirty crack S.A.S. gunmen, who worked efficiently in forces of six, was parachuted in. Then the assault

began. The men broke in by axing down doors, grenades quickly blew holes in the floor, groups of men shinned down ropes to an underground floor and stood, machine guns pointed at the ugly scene below. A network of spies? International espionage? No, it was . . . one of Mr. Cowell's weekly evening 'Keep Fit' classes, with all participants but one in terrible agony.

The file is now closed.

Peter Hartland 4M

### THE BULLFINCH

The beautiful bullfinch clung to the clothes line, the red breast, black head and tail and the grey back, merging in almost perfectly with the clothes. Slowly, the large head with the almost menacing beak, turned to eye a black-currant bush at the bottom of the garden. Gracefully, the small bird flew to the bush, ate a few of the ripe currants, and stayed on the bush, digesting the food, and eyeing more of the succulent currants. Some disturbance, maybe a cat, caused the bird to fly off, a multicoloured rocket.

Tim Shaw 2M

### THE MATCH

The flame creeps slowly and silently,  
Burning the innocent match,  
Changing his flaming coat  
From yellow, to orange to red,  
Leaving behind a path of black cinders.  
Everyone fears the flame.

The match alone is changed from  
Its white and plain wood to  
Gaunt, crisp remnants of nothing.  
But the flame is victorious  
And flickers by its black victim  
For one more moment and then  
Dies out.

Vivien Evans 1M

### MURDER AT MIDNIGHT

Empty shops, deserted streets  
Block thirty-four, Texaco City  
Just the time and place for a crime  
Inside room thirty-three, level six shadows flick across the walls.  
Outside the buzz of traffic dies down and all is peaceful —  
No, wait a minute! It is a door handle being twisted —  
Yes, there it is again!  
A stockinged face appears and a body follows,  
A figure tiptoes across the room to a couch where the silhouette  
of a person lies sleeping.  
A short dagger is drawn out and held in position.  
It is plunged in to the flesh, a rebellious blow.  
Rich, thick blood pours out,  
The life and death of an innocent person.  
The clock strikes twelve,  
The murder is over,  
The murder at midnight.

Jill Stephenson 1M



## **PREFECTS 1980-81**

**Head Boy:** Graham Hemming  
**Deputy Head Boy:** Russell Buxton

**Prefects:** Christopher Ashton, Nigel Braithwaite, David Broderick, Simon Butler, Philip Cregeen, Philip Crow, Timothy Down, Paul Foster, Peter Goodman, David Hemingway, Nigel Hood, Alan Matthews, Tim Reed, Robert Shore, Nicholas Strain, Rhys Thomas, Julian Wain, Henry Wallace, Graham Ward, Jonathan Wolfe.

**Head Girl:** Anne Griffiths  
**Deputy Head Girl:** Caroline Ritchie

**Prefects:** Julie Adams, Rosemary Church, Jayne Copping, Cheryl Gulliver, Maxine Hancox, Janette Hasson, Sally-Ann Holt, Catherine Howell, Janice Kerr, Jennifer Manley, Judith Pickles, Julie Read, Julie Taylor, Sandra Taylor, Amanda Wearing.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO :-**

Gregory Hickin for winning the Colin Danks Memorial Trophy as the best Worcestershire young sprinter in 1979. Gregory was 3rd in the 100m. and 200m. Worcestershire AAA championships, 4th in the semi-final of the English Schools championship and 1st in the 100m. and 200m. in the Warwickshire schools championships. His personal best times are 23 seconds for 200 metres and 11.2 seconds for 100 metres.

Alan Matthews, the winning boy in Alcester Pancake Race.

Sally Sidaway who has gained the Sub Aqua Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society.

Winners of the School Musical Competition who were: Junior Piano, Adèle Beard; Vocal, Sarah Geden; Instrumental, Jane Stanley; Senior Piano, Mair Hughes; Vocal, Suzanne Brain; Instrumental, Julie Hinks; and David Hemingway.

Joanne Bateman, David Broderick, Jayne Copping, Anne Griffiths, Maxine Hancox, Sally Holt, Judith Pickles, Helen Quigley, Sandra Taylor and Amanda Wearing, who passed their Junior First Aid Examination.

Four senior students were baptised at the Baptist Church this year: Henry Wallace, Julie Adams, Sandra Taylor and old scholar Debra Smith.

## **"O" Level Results, November 1979**

### **Oxford**

David Broderick—m, p; Simon Butler—f; Nigel Hood—f. h, a; Tim Reed—e; Rosemary Church—f; Jackie McAloon—m; Julie Taylor—b; Ian Fletcher—el; Richard Walters—el; Jonathan Wright—sp; Jane Broderick—sp; Melanie Green—sp; Catherine Stancliffe—sp; Dawn Summersby—sp.



## OXFORD LOCAL EXAMINING BOARD RESULTS † 1980

Code: e—English language, el—English literature, f—French, g—German, h—history, gy—geography, m—mathematics, p—physics, c—chemistry, b—biology, hb—human biology, mw—metalwork, ed—engineering drawing, fn—food and nutrition, a—art, mu—music, ec—economics, he—home economics, am—additional mathematics, fm—further mathematics, cs—computer studies, nw—needlework, sp—Spanish.

\* denotes the highest grade was awarded.

### Advanced Level - Upper Sixth

Form U6N: Peter Bromwich—m\*, p\*, c, fm; Jonathan Edmunds—f, g; Simon Greaves—p, c, b; Alistair Rowley—ec, gy; Justin Wilks—gy, m; Jane Broderick—e, f, h; Rachel Coldicutt—e, h, he; Julie Hinks—mu; Anne Hunt—gy, m, p; Elizabeth Plummer—c, b; Helen Quigley—ec, c, he; Rowena Swinbourne—gy, m, b; Helen Thompson—e, a; Jane Whinn—ec, gy; Susan Wright—e, f, g.

Form U6S: Jeremy Baugh—p, c, b; Paul Ingram—gy, m, p; Alastair Lynam—f, ec; Paul Newton—p, b; Christopher Probert—m\*, p\*, c\*; Mark Shurmer—ec; Ellen Currah—m, b; Alice Emerson—m\*, p\*, c\*, b\*; Fiona Girvan—m, p, c; Jane Glaze—e, h, mu; Shirley Hunt—b; Lynne Silverstone—h\*, ec; Catherine Stancliffe—e, f, h; Dawn Summersby—e, f, h; Anne Thompson—m, p, c.

Form U6W: Richard Chilton—gy, m, p; Darren Cooper—m\*, c, b; Tony Noaks—ec, gy; Patrick Seeney—ec, gy; Jonathan Wright—e, f, gy\*; Joanne Bateman—e, ec, gy; Jean Causier—he; Melanie Green—e, f, g; Jane Hartland—m, p, c; Jacqueline McAloon—e, h; Jane Rawling—m, c, b; Amanda Smart—m, p, c\*; Jane Stevens—e, f\*, ec; Linda Treadgold—ec, gy.

External: John Greenaway—gy; Duncan Neville—c; Teresa Flanagan—e.

### Ordinary Level

Form 5M: Richard Anderson—e, el, m\*, p, c, ed\*; David Apsley—e\*, el\*, f\*, p\*, c\*, b\*, ed\*; Peter Bayley—e, el\*, f, p\*, c, b\*, a; Adrian Blundell—e, el, m, p, c, b, a; James Emerson—e\*, el, f, p\*, c\*, b\*, mw\*, ed\*; Stephen Escott—el, f, m, p, c, b, mw; Paul Evans—e, el, gy, p, mw; Mark Greenaway—e, el, gy, m, p, a; Gregory Hickin—e, p, mw; Nicholas Partington—e\*, el, gy, p, c, ed\*; Wayne Preece—e, a; Peter Tullett—e, el, h, m, p, b, ed; Christopher Thompson—e, f, m, p\*, c, b, ed; Christopher Woodrow—e, el\*, gy\*, m, p, c, b\*; Jennifer Amor—e, el, f, g, h, m, fn; Suzanne Brain—e\*, el, m, fn, a; Janette Brewer—e, el\* f, m, p, c, b; Helen Brice—e, el, m, c, b, a; Michelle Clark—e, el, f, m, fn; Lydia Emery—e, el, f, p, c, b; Alison Feast—e, el, hb, fn\*, a; Benedicte Foster—e, el, f\*, h; Clare Gilroy—e, el, f, p, c, b, a; Ruth Grier—e, el, f, p, c, fn; Karen Hooker—e, el, f, p, c, fn\*; Kay Millard—e, el, m, hb, fn; Sarah-Jane Plant—e\*, el\*, f, h, m, p, ed; Gail Reeves—e, el, f, gy, c, ed; Nichola Smith—el, hb, fn; Patricia Taylor—e, el, h, m, hb, fn; Joanna Tuplin—e, el, f, p, c, b, mu; Sarah Wright—el, fn.

Form 5S: Andrew Boston—e, el, f\*, gy\*, p\*, c\*, b\*; Philip Catherall—e\*, el, f, h\*, gy\*, p, c; Steven Clark—e, f, p\*, c, ed\*; Neil Edkins—e\*, el, f, h, gy, m, p, hb; Roy Foster—e, el, f, gy, p\*, c; Timothy Gill—e, el, f, m, p, b, mw, a; Paul Handy—el, f, p, c, b, ed\*; Richard Horton—e\*, el\*, f\*, gy\*, p\*, c\*, b\*; Jonathan Howarth—e\*, el\*, f, h, gy\*, hb\*; Simon Pepper—el, f, gy, p, c, b; Colin Sheridan—e\*, el, f\*, g, gy, m, p\*, c; Andrew Shorey—e\*, el, f, gy\*, m, p, c, b; Kevin Sollis—e, h, gy, hb; William Wilks—e\*, el\*, f\*, gy\*, p\*, c\*, mw\*; Juliet Chambers—e, el, f\*, p, c, b, a; Lindsey Collins—e, el, f\*, g, c, b, fn\*; Heather Edwards—e, el\*, f\*, g, m, p, b, a, mu; Susan Farr—e\*, el, f, gy, p, b; Heather Ferris—e\*, el, f, m, p, c; Maria Gennoy—e\*, el\*, f, g, m, p, b, a; Nicola Glaze—e, el\*, f\*, g, h, m, fn; Julia Hall—e\*, el, f, gy, p; Sarah Hill—e\* el, f, h, gy, p, c; Louise Lancaster—e\*, el\*, f, h, mu; Elizabeth Lewis—e, f, a; Jane McCarthy—e, f, gy, m, hb, fn; a; Nichola Roderick—e, el, f, m, hb, ed; a; Caroline Ross—e, el\*, f, p\*, c, a, mu; Margaret Scally—e, el\*, f, p, c, b; Francesca Tompkins—e\*, el\*, f, h, gy, mu; Helen Wainwright—e, el\*, gy, m, b, fn, a.

Form L6N: David Broderick—cs; Alan Matthews—ec; Jayne Copping—ec; Julie Read—ec.

Form L6S: Jason Barnes—ec, a; Nigel Hood—ec; Jonathan Wolfe—cs; Janette Hasson—cs; Sally Holt—nw.

Form L6W: Christopher Ashton—ec; Timothy Reed—a; Judith Pickles—ec. Upper Sixth—Fiona Girvan—b.

Fourth Forms, Mathematics: Nicholas Bennett, Simon Harris, Peter Hartland\*, David Lawrence, John Matthews\*, Mark Pugh, Sean Wheeldon, Rachel Baker, Dawn Coomber, Lisa Court, Tracey Cox, Mair Hughes, Sarah Miller\*, Joanne Powell, Wendy Silverstone, Nicola Wells, Jonathan Cartledge\*, Melvin Crane\*, Stuart Cuffe, Philip Garrattley, Philip Hill, Nigel Payne\*, Brandon Ransley\*, Simon Rigby, Peter Wallin, Philip Wright, Jacqueline Collison, Dawn Drinkwater, Rosalind Jordan, Catherine Lewis, Sarah Longstaff, Tracy Treadgold.

Fifth Form C.S.E. Grade I in Mathematics: David Bullingham, Alison Feast,

### **CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINING BOARD RESULTS - 1980**

Advanced Level Mathematics, Lower Sixth: Russell Buxton, Rosemary Church, Timothy Down, Paul Foster, Graham Hemming, Robert Shore, Graham Ward.

Ordinary Level Additional Mathematics, Fifth Forms: David Apsley\*, Peter Bayley, Andrew Boston\*, Steven Clark, James Emerson\*, Susan Farr, Roy Foster, Sarah Hill, Richard Horton, Gail Reeves, Caroline Ross, Joanna Tuplin, William Wilks.

Lower Sixth, Additional Mathematics: David Broderick, Nicholas Strain, Jayne Copping, Julie Taylor, Jason Barnes, Simon Butler, Nigel Braithwaite, Peter Goodman\*, Jonathan Wolfe, Janette Hasson, Philip Crow, Janice Kerr.

### **Upper Sixth Leavers :**

To Universities: Peter Bromwich (Electrical Engineering at Birmingham), Simon Greaves (Marine Biology at Heriot-Watt in 1981), Jane Broderick (French and European Studies at Cardiff), Anne Hunt (Architecture at Heriot-Watt), Elizabeth Plummer (Zoology at Reading), Helen Quigley (Institutional Management at Cardiff), Rowena Swinbourne (Environmental Science at UEA), Susan Wright (German at UEA in 1981), Paul Ingram (Physics at Birmingham), Christopher Probert (Medicine at Birmingham), Alice Emerson (Medicine at Nottingham), Fiona Girvan (Medicine at Dundee), Jane Glaze (History and American Studies at Keele), Lynne Silverstone (Law at Hull), Catherine Stancliffe (French and European Studies at Hull), Richard Chilton (Civil Engineering at Leeds), Darren Cooper (Chemistry at UEA), Patrick Seeney (Geography and Geology at Dundee), Jonathan Wright (European Studies at UEA), Joanne Bateman (Human Communications at Aston), Melanie Green (French Studies at Sussex), Jane Rawling (Biological Sciences at Reading), Amanda Smart (Medicine at Leeds), Jane Stevens (French and Economics at Reading).

**Polytechnics:** Alistair Rowley (Sports Science at Brighton), Justin Wilks (Environmental Studies at Hatfield), Julie Hinks (Music at Kingston-upon-Thames), Helen Thompson (Communications Studies at Sheffield), Jane Whinn (Geography and Environmental Science at Manchester), Jeremy Baugh (Physical Science at Lanchester), Paul Newton (Applied Biology at Sunderland), Ellen Currah (Accountancy at Birmingham), Shirley Hunt (H.N.D. in Applied Biology at Plymouth), Tony Noaks (Economics and Transport at Plymouth).

**To Colleges:** Rachel Coldicutt (B.A. in History at Worcester

College of Higher Education), Jane Hartland (B.Ed. at Worcester College of Higher Education), Jacqueline McAloon (Combined Studies at Digby Stuart College).

**To other Training and Employment:** Jonathan Edmunds (Banking in Stratford), Anne Thompson (National Farmer's Union, Stratford), Nicola Filla (Women's Royal Naval Service), Linda Treadgold (Chartered Accountancy).

**Lower Sixth:** Helen Maries and Ronald Smith (Banking), Timothy Haigh (Agriculture), Elizabeth McCarthy (Nanny to children of a member of the staff of the British Embassy in Tokyo), Iain Sinclair, Jason Barnes.

**Fifth Forms:** David Bullingham (Luddington Experimental Station), Nicholas Partington (Garage Mechanic), Peter Tullet (Apprenticeship with High Duty Alloys), Christopher Woodrow (Redditch College of Further Education), Alison Feast (Birmingham College of Food and Domestic Arts), Sarah-Jane Plant (Bromsgrove College of Further Education), Gail Reeves (Solihull Sixth Form College), Steven Clark (Army), Juliet Chambers (Lloyd's Bank), Nicola Glaze (Cavendish School, Hemel Hempstead), Louise Lancaster (Banking).

To Mid-Warwickshire College of Further Education: Paul Evans, Suzanne Brain, Kay Millard, Susan Farr.

To South Warwickshire College of Further Education: Nichola Smith, Patricia Taylor, Julia Hall, Jane McCarthy, Nichola Roderick.

### STAFF NEWS

Mr. David Cowell won the round-the-town race cup for the third successive year.

Miss Deborah Kennedy from Worcester College of Higher Education spent part of the Spring Term here teaching geography and physical education.

Herr Wolfgang Ott visited the school in March and attended lessons in English, French and German.

Mrs. J. Holmes and Mrs. J. Morgan completed their periods as a part-time teachers at the end of July.

Mr. D. E. Oldham retired at the end of the Summer Term after forty years as a Schoolmaster, including nearly six years in the Royal Air Force. He came to Alcester in January 1958 and hopes to continue to live here for some time.

Mr. Grahame Percival from Bablake School, Coventry, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Oldham as Head of Modern Languages from September 1980.

### OLD SCHOLAR'S NEWS

John M. Stewart, J.P., was elected Chairman of the Governors of the School.

Rosemary Bryan (69-76) was awarded a class 2ii B.A. Honours degree in French at Lampeter University. Her third year was spent as an English Language Assistant at the Lycée du Portel in Thiers. This September she started a one year course for the Certificate in

Education at St Luke's College, Exeter.

Alison Phillips (72-77) has a B.Sc., class 2ii honours degree, in Biochemistry at U.M.I.S.T. and is employed by Lucas (Aerospace) Ltd. of Wolverhampton.

Charles Barlow (70-77) gained a B.Sc. degree, class 2ii in Ophthalmics at U.M.I.S.T.

Roger Green (70-77) has a B.Sc. degree, class 2ii in Physics at Bristol University and is employed by Barker, Brettell and Duncan, Patent Agents of Birmingham.

Ross Tanner (58-65) has been appointed Vice-President of the London Branch of the Chase-Manhattan Bank.

Paul Fridman (55-63) who was Head Boy at A.G.S., took a degree in Sociology and has worked in Canada for 12 years as a Retail Manager in Winnipeg, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

David Pegg (75-76) took part in winter warfare exercises with the 3rd Armoured Division of the British Army of the Rhine at Zwiesel, a German ski resort on the border of Czechoslovakia.

Brett Freeman (70-77) gained an honours degree, class 2i in Geology at Bedford College, London. He is engaged in research at Nottingham University on "Deformation mechanisms in the Dalradian rocks of the south-west Highlands".

Simon Plummer (70-74) has been awarded an honours degree class 2i in Pharmacology at Dundee University. He is involved in research work for a Ph.D. at Hammersmith Hospital.

John O'Sullivan (68-76) has a B.A. honours degree in Graphic Design.

Lorraine O'Sullivan (69-75) has completed the Course for an M.A. degree in English and Psychology at Dundee University.

Geraldine O'Sullivan (75-77) is undertaking a B.Ed. honours degree in history and physical education.

Carolyn O'Sullivan (72-79) has completed the first year of a B.Sc. honours degree course at Manchester University.

Jane Williams (72-79) has completed a year at Sheffield Polytechnic, studying the History of Art for a degree.

Debra Smith (71-78) after taking a Foundation Course at Leamington College where she won £75 in a competition, has been accepted for a B.A. Course in Ceramics at Cardiff College of Art and Design.

Joanna Broadis (74-76) was awarded a B.A. in Linguistic Science, class 2ii at Reading University, with a special "mention" in spoken French. She intends to teach English in Italy for a year, while learning Italian, and hopes to work for the British Tourist Board afterwards.

Jane Longstaff (72-77) is at Aston University reading "Behavioural Science".

Paul Morris (68-75) has been teaching Physics at Nottingham High School for Boys for one year.

Fiona Hair (70-77) gained a degree, class 2i in Humanities at Middlesex Polytechnic.

John Crow (70-77) was awarded an honours degree, class 2i in Physics at Southampton University and is undertaking paid research at the Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

John Simister (69-73) is in his final year, studying law at Bristol Polytechnic.

Timothy Clark (72-79) is studying for a Higher National Diploma in Electronics and Electrical Engineering at North Staffs Polytechnic.

Thomas Seeney (67-74) has been working for two years for a French Geological Oilfield Contractor, Geo Services. He returned home in August after spending ten months in Egypt where he deputised as base manager for three months.

Mary Pringle (née Seeney, 66-73) has transferred from Cambridge to Bristol where she intends to complete her nursing training.

Ruth Maw (69-76) is a State Registered Nurse at Guy's Hospital. She intends to marry and live in Norway.

Maria Maw (68-75) is undertaking research in Biochemistry for a Ph.D. degree at Leicester University.

Anne Maw (70-77) has completed three years of the medical course at Manchester University.

Clive Kibblewhite (65-72) is a lecturer in engineering at South Warwickshire College of Further Education.

Carol Kibblewhite (née Fisher, 68-75) teaches physical education at Parkside Middle School, Bromsgrove.

Alan Fox (61-68) and his wife Suzanne (née Kirby, 66-73) have opened a new restaurant at Kings Coughton, near Alcester.

David Horton (1969-76) has been awarded a B.A. degree, class 2ii in Geography at Goldsmiths' College, and is working in local government administration with the London Borough of Lewisham.

Julia Kindon (née Robinson, 1970-74) has completed a post-basic course in Oncology Nursing at Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute, Manchester and is now working at St. Ann's Hospice, Cheadle.

Andrew Lamb (1968-76) has been awarded a B.A. degree, class 2ii, in Combined Studies at Bulmershe College of Higher Education, Reading.

John Sawyer (1971-73) is about to take a two year course leading to a Certificate of Qualification in Social Work at Ruskin College, Oxford.

Reverend Liam O'Connor (1963-64) is about to go to Nigeria to do missionary work.

Ian Mackintosh (1968-73) is a Member of the Institute of Applied Transport, and has a senior management position with the Ribble Bus Company in Lancaster.

Philip Richardson (1967-74) has been awarded a B.Sc. degree, class 2ii in Earth and Life Sciences at Derby Lonsdale College of Higher Education.

Kevin Farmery (1970-77) has been awarded the degree of B.Ed class 2i in Science Education at the University of Warwick.

Darren Cooper, Tony Noaks, Patrick Seeney, Jonathan Wright.

U6W: Richard Chilton, Darren Cooper, Tony Noaks, Patrick Seeney, Jonathan Wright, Joanne Bateman, Jean Causier, Melanie Green, Jane Hartland, Jacqueline McAloon, Jane Rawling, Amanda Smart, Jane Stevens, Linda Treadgold.

5M: David Bullingham, Paul Evans, Nicholas Partington, Wayne Preece, Peter Tullett, Christopher Woodrow, Suzanne Brain, Alison Feast, Kay Millard, Sarah-Jane Plant, Gail Reeves, Nichola Smith, Patricia Taylor, Sarah Wright.

5S: Steven Clark, Juliet Chambers, Susan Farr, Nicola Glaze. Julia Hall, Louise Lancaster, Elizabeth Lewis, Jane McCarthy, Nichola Roderick.

4S: David Glaze.

2S: Ian Millard.

## WELCOME

Summer Term 1980

1S: Karen Harman (Blackminster Middle School).

2M: Clive Cowin (Solihull School).

2S: Julian Murgatroyd (Lawrence Sheriff G.S., Rugby).

September 1980

1M: Paul Bradley, Paul Brice, Peter Charlton, James Couchman. Adrian Duffin, David Edwards, Maxwell Harris, Andrew Hedges, Paul Howl, Robert Lewis, Philip Marklew, Andrew Marshall, Nicholas Mole. Richard Paget, Carl Ravenhall, Neil Waters, Fay Baldry, Sara Beaumont, Nicola Cooper, Joanna Cummings, Lara Fenton, Alexandra Hartwell, Anna Holder, Emma Lediard, Kay Lewis, Victoria McCarthy Vanice Mills, Tracey Mitchell, Susan Pain, Annette Worrall.

1S: Timothy Crick, Andrew Dyke, Adrian Escott, Matthew Farmer, Alec Finnemore, Christopher Guillaume, Mark Hancox, Thomas Holmes, Paul Humphey, Dominic Hurley, Michael Pegg, Neil Rutter. Robert Sergeant, Alan Stanley, Laurence White, Christopher Yates. Victoria Amiss, Megan Atherton, Nerys Brougham, Caroline Cuffe. Jane Evans, Alison Grubb, Nicola Hill, Emma Maloney, Sarah Myring. Carol Newell, Maria Rowan, Nicola Spearing, Lisa Starkey, Blanche Surman, Andrea Woodrow.

2M: Ross Nicholls (Greville H.S.)

2S: Paul Holl (Bidford H.S.).

4M: Vaughan Tanner (Bassaleg School, Gwent).

5M: Diane Cregeen (Oakmeads School, Burgess Hill, Sussex).

L6: Stephen Cowell, Dawn Smith, Colin Braithwaite, Paul Hedges. Paula Haigh (Greville H.S.)

Adrian Taylor, Gwendolyn Taylor (Henley H.S.).

Alison Holmes, Stephen Peace, Catriona Girvan, Elizabeth West (Studley H.S.)

William Giblein (Catherine McAnley School, Doncaster), Sallie Burden (Alice Ottley School, Worcester), Coryn Dickman (St. Joseph's, Leamington Spa), Judy Tutt (St. Benedict's H.S.), Carol Fisher (St. George's Hong Kong).

U6: Philip Cregeen (Haywards Heath Sixth Form College).

## **MARRIAGES**

- 1978 William Ryder to Anne Longstaff (67-74)  
1979 Jonathon Lawrence to Sheryl Aldridge (68-75)  
Stephen Moore to Joy Peace (70-75)  
David West (67-73) to Eileen Booker.  
1980 Richard Pick to Ruth Maisey (69-74)  
Martin Lloyd to Jayne Radbourne (61-66)  
Paul Brine to Denise Ransley (73-75)  
Christopher Slater to Susan Annis (68-73)  
William Walters to Ann Wiltshire (59-66)  
Michael Pollock to Vicki Coldicutt (69-76)  
Clive Kibblewhite (65-72) to Carol Fisher (68-75)  
Ian Pringle to Mary Seeney (66-73)  
Malcolm Kindon to Julia Robinson (1970-74).

## **BIRTHS**

- 1980 To Mr. and Mrs. David Smith (née Joy Blakey, 69-75) a daughter Nicola Jane.  
1979 To Mr. and Mrs. S. Brooker (née Bryony Clark, 64-71) a son, Thomas William.  
1980 To Mr. Christopher (65-69) and Mrs. Rosalind (née Bell, 66-72) Whateley, a daughter, Alison Claire.

## **DEATHS**

Mr. William P. Scully, School Governor during his year as High Bailiff of Alcester Court Leet in 1970-71, when he donated a Rugby Football Trophy to the School.

Mrs. Esmé M. Quinney, a former Chairman of the School Governors.

Mrs. Gertrude Druller, former school gymnastics mistress in 1924 - 25 and widow of former Latin master and second master, Mr. V. V. Druller, died on May 19th 1980, aged 78.

Simon David Hancox, aged 13, a member of Form 3M. Our deepest sympathy goes to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Hancox, both of whom are old scholars of this School. The present pupils collected about £30 as a contribution to the Epilepsy Research Fund, set up in his memory.

## **SCHOOL REGISTER**

### **FAREWELL**

Autumn Term 1979 Helen Maries (L6)

Spring Term 1980 Ronald Smith, Elizabeth McCarthy (L6)

Summer Term 1980 Jason Barnes, Iain Sinclair, Timothy Haigh (L6)

U6N: Peter Bromwich, Jonathan Edmunds, Simon Greaves, Alistair Rowley, Justin Wilks, Jane Broderick, Rachel Coldicutt, Julie Hinks, Ann Hunt, Elizabeth Plummer, Helen Quigley, Rowena Swinbourne, Helen Thompson, Jane Whinn, Susan Wright.

U6S: Jeremy Baugh, Paul Ingram, Alastair Lynam, Paul Newton, Christopher Probert, Mark Shurmer, Ellen Currah, Alice Emerson, Fiona Girvan, Jane Glaze, Shirley Hunt, Lynne Silverstone, Catherine Stancliffe, Dawn Summersby, Anne Thompson, Richard Chilton,

## LATE NEWS

David West (66-73) is now at the University of Hull, reading for a degree in Sociology, Economics, and Politics. In 1979 he was married to Aileen Booker.

Behedicte Foster (L6) has been selected to play for the Warwickshire Ladies Under 18 hockey team.

Linda Watson (75-77) started training for S.R.N. at the Good Hope Hospital in Sutton Coldfield in September.

A second son, Matthew Stephen, was born to Mr. Stephen and Mrs. Bryony Brooker (née Clarke, 64-71) in September.

Julian Llewellyn Bennett (50-56) was promoted Lt. Commander, R.N. on 1st October.

A daughter, Miranda Clare, was born to Mr. Paul and Mrs. Mary Mulholland in September. Mrs. Mulholland taught Drama and English at the school from 1972 to 1976.



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